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TO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

Abbott Laboratories is opposed to HB's 4044-4046 and urge you to vote NO on these three bills.

Abbott Laboratories is a broad-based health care company that discovers, develops, manufacturers and markets products that span the continuum of care, from prevention and diagnosis to treatment and cure. Abbott's principal businesses include pharmaceuticals and medical products, including devices, diagnostic tests, instruments and nutritional products for children and adults. We're headquartered in north suburban Chicago, and serve customers in more than 130 countries, with a staff of 65,000 at more than 100 manufacturing, distribution, and research and development facilities around the world. We have an infant formula manufacturing and distribution facility in Sturgis, Michigan that employs approximately 525 people.

Everyday the FDA must balance the needs and hopes of patients waiting for new treatments against the need to ensure that the medicines being studied are safe and effective. Repealing this lawsuit abuse law and making it retroactive up to 12 years ago implies that a drug researcher must know every possible risk before a drug can be available for patients. That is simply not possible and doing so would keep millions of patients waiting unnecessarily for medicines to save their lives or to improve the quality of their life. That's not good healthcare.

There's a lot of misinformation about Michigan's existing lawsuit abuse law. If a patient believes that a drug maker may have acted fraudulently or misrepresented safety information, they can go directly to the FDA and share those concerns. If the FDA determines a company misrepresented its drug to the FDA or withheld information about the drug in order to win approval, patients may sue. The current law just makes sure trial lawyers have a just reason before starting endless rounds of lawsuits which add to the growing cost of healthcare.

For the above reasons, Abbott Laboratories is opposed to HB's 4044-4046 and we urge you to vote NO!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Charles E. Seeds'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Charles' being more prominent.

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